

politically active, becoming an integral member of the actions of the Detroit Urban League for many years. Dancy was profiled in Chapters 6 and 8 of this report.

Dancy was listed in the 1900 census as renting a home with his large family in Wilmington at 413 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

For more on Dancy, see William Powell, *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography*, Vol. II, 1986; John Dancy, III, *Sand Against the Wind*; Dancy, John C., ed. *The AME Zion Quarterly Almanac* (1894) online, Library of Congress:

[http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgibin/query/r?ammem/murray:@field\(DOCID+@lit\(T0A17\)\)](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgibin/query/r?ammem/murray:@field(DOCID+@lit(T0A17))).

### **Davis, Henry**

Henry Davis was listed in the papers as one of the wounded black men in the violence on November 10<sup>th</sup>. There are three men with the name Henry Davis listed in the 1897 city directory and all worked as laborers: 1) 321 S. 4<sup>th</sup>; 2) 409 Hane's Alley; 3) 807 S. 9<sup>th</sup>. There are two men with that name in the 1900 city directory and one of those was also in the 1897 directory. A search for "Henry Davis" in the 1880 census shows that there were five men with that name in Wilmington. In 1900, there were four men with the name Henry Davis in the New Hanover census: 1) 321 S. 4<sup>th</sup>, drayman, age 53 in Wilmington 2) Inmate in county jail, age 55; 3) Henry Davis, Sr, (58) and Henry Davis, Jr., (32) in Federal Point Township.

Sources: Prather, *We Have Taken a City*; Reaves, *Strength Through Struggle*; 1860-1930 census; 1897, 1900 city directories; Bill Reaves Collection, New Hanover County Public Library; McDuffie, "Politics in Wilmington;" Cody, "After the Storm," 1890, 1897, 1900 New Hanover County tax records.

### **Dow, John**

John Dow was listed as one of the black men wounded in the violence on November 10<sup>th</sup>. He has not been found in the census, 1897 or 1900 City Directory. There was, however, a William Dow, born in North Carolina in 1875, listed as renting his home at 1106 Love's Alley with his wife and working as a day laborer.

### **French, George Z.**

George Z. French was a white man who was influential in Wilmington Republican politics and was targeted for banishment by leading Democrats because of his influence with black voters. He was banished from the city on November 11<sup>th</sup>. At the time of the violence, French was 66 years old. French relocated to Wilmington after the Civil War from New England. He was born in Maine. In the 1870 census, he was listed as President of Excelsior Plantation in Holden Township, New Hanover County. In 1870, his real estate was value at \$50,000 and his personal property was valued at \$8,000. There were several families with the last name French in Wilmington and New Hanover County, all immigrated to the city from the north. French was listed in the 1897 city directory as living at the Orton and he was the Deputy Sheriff. After banishment from Wilmington, French relocated to Rocky Point, Pender County, where he occupation was listed as farmer and line supervisor. He owned his home/farm. He has not been found in the 1910 Census.

Sources: Prather, *We Have Taken a City*; Reaves, *Strength Through Struggle*; 1860-1930 census; 1897, 1900 city directories; Bill Reaves Collection, New Hanover County Public Library; McDuffie, "Politics in Wilmington;" Cody, "After the Storm," 1890, 1897, 1900 New Hanover County tax records.

### **Gause, Henry**

Henry Gause was reported in the papers as being arrested and banished from Wilmington on the 11<sup>th</sup>. However, the only Henry Gause in North Carolina in the 1900 census was living in New Hanover County in Wilmington. According to the census, this Henry Gause was unmarried and lived at 413 Nixon Street, worked as a day laborer and was born in North Carolina. This Henry Gause was 35 at the time of the 1898 violence and, in 1897 paid taxes on a property in Block 337 valued at \$175. In 1880, there were two Henry Gause living in New Hanover County. The Henry Gause who was living in the city in 1900 was listed as living in Harnett Township and working as a servant. The other Henry Gause was ten years older (would have been 45 at the time of the riot), worked as a drayman, and was married with a daughter (wife Lucy, age 27 in 1880 and daughter Ella, age 3 in 1880).